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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:
Rabenold et al.

Serial No.: 09/866,191

Filed: May 25, 2001

Title: **REMOTE BIDDING SUPPLEMENT**
FOR TRADITIONAL LIVE
AUCTIONS

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§ Group Art Unit: 3621
§ Examiner: Hayes, John
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§ Atty. Docket #: 01004.1010
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

THIS CASE IS UNDER A PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a response to the Official Communication mailed by the Office on March 30, 2004 and designated as a Final Office Action. In the applicant's last response, claims 74-83 were pending. In the Final Office Action, the Office has rejected claims 74-82 and has objected to claim 83. In addition, the Office objected to the substitute specification indicating that new matter had been introduced.

In this response, the applicant cancels claims 75-77 and 79-82, resubmits claim 74, and amends claims 78 and 83. The applicant traverses the Office's rejection of claim 74 and

the objections to the substitute specification. The applicant has amended claim 83 to overcome the Office's objection and place that claim in condition for allowance.

It is understood that this application is presently under a final office action and it is respectfully requested that the Office will enter the presently submitted claims or any subset thereof that can be entered as is or in conjunction with an examiner's amendment.